

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review;

Medical Assessment Form and Dental Assessment Form (Office of Management and Budget 0970-0466)

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families

(ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the forms Medical
Assessment Form (formerly, the Initial Medical Exam (IME)

Form and Supplemental Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Form) and

Dental Assessment Form (formerly, the Dental Exam Form)

(Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970-0466,

expiration December 31, 2023). Changes are proposed to the

currently approved forms.

DATES: Comments due within 30 days of publication. OMB must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30

days of publication of this notice to

www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular

information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day

Review-Open for Public Comments" or by using the search

function. You can also obtain copies of the proposed

collection of information by emailing

infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests

by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The ACF ORR places unaccompanied children in their custody in care provider programs until unification with a qualified sponsor. Care provider programs are required to provide children with a range of services including medical, dental, and mental health care. Each child must receive an initial medical exam (IME) within 2 business days of admission to an ORR care provider program or temporary influx care facility. The IME satisfies Flores requirements which require a "complete medical examination, including a screening for infectious disease". The purposes of the IME are to assess general health, administer vaccinations in keeping with U.S. standards (also required by Flores), identify health conditions that require further attention, and detect contagious diseases of public health importance, such as influenza or TB. IME is performed by a licensed health care provider and comprised of a complete medical history and physical exam,

risk, and age-based laboratory screenings, TB screenings and immunizations. In addition, children may be referred to a specialist by their healthcare provider for acute or chronic conditions that require additional evaluation. If a child is in ORR custody 60 to 90 days after admission, they must receive an initial dental exam, or sooner if directed by state licensing requirements. Children who are in ORR care for an extended length of time may require urgent or routine medical and dental well-child evaluations.

The forms are used as worksheets for generalist healthcare providers and pediatric and other medical specialty healthcare providers to compile information that would otherwise have been collected during the health evaluation. Once completed, the forms are given to care provider program staff for entry into ORR's secure, electronic data record system. Data is used to monitor the health of unaccompanied children while in ORR care, for case management of any identified illnesses/conditions and to ensure care provider program compliance with ORR requirements.

ORR has merged the former IME Form and Supplemental TB Screening Form into one form, the Medical Assessment Form which will be used during all medical evaluations with a mid-level or higher medical professional. ORR has incorporated other changes to the forms to streamline the

flow of data collection, clarify the intent of certain fields, improve data quality, and ensure alignment with ORR requirements. In addition, ORR has written instructional letters for the Medical Assessment Form and Dental Assessment Form to explain the purpose of the forms and provide general guidance on completion to healthcare providers.

Respondents: Healthcare providers (pediatricians, medical specialists, and dentists), Care Provider Program Staff

Annual Burden Estimates

Estimated Opportunity Time for Respondents:

Instrument	Respondent	Annual Number of Respondents	Total Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
Medical Assessment Form	Pediatricians, General	300	840	0.22	55,440
	Medical specialist, General	750	22	0.22	3,630
Dental Assessment Form	Dentists	250	64	0.12	1,920

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 60,990

Estimated Recordkeeping Time

Instrument	Respondent	Annual Number of Respondents	Total Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
Medical Assessment Form completed by a medical professional	Care Provider	500	537	0.33	88,605
Medical Assessment Form not completed by a medical professional	Program Staff	500	100	0.17	8 , 500

(information				
obtained via				
health records)				
Dental				
Assessment Form	500	32	0.17	2 , 720

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 99,825

Authority: 6 U.S.C. 279: Exhibit 1, part A.2 of the Flores Settlement Agreement (Jenny Lisette Flores, et al., v. Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States, et al., Case No. CV 85-4544-RJK [C.D. Cal. 1996])

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